

Commercial Walking Tours

CASCADE CAVE

(MUST PURCHASE TICKETS > 15+ MINS BEFORE TOUR STARTS)

TICKETS SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER,
SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO TOUR TIME.

ALL TOURS BEGIN AT CASCADE CAVE.
LOCATED 3.6 MILES FROM THE WELCOME CENTER.
(Driving directions below.)
TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED.

Cascade Cave is one of the largest caves to be found in Carter County. Visitors often remark on its large passageways and on the grandeur of its formations. The walking tour will bring visitors through the “heart” of the cave – Cascade Cave, through a cave collapse valley into North Cave, and before departing – over to a 30+ ft. underground waterfall. While on a tour visitors can hope to learn about the cave’s geologic formations, cave ecology, and some local history.

SUNDAY- FRIDAY: 10 AM, 11:30 AM,
1 PM, 3 PM, 4:30 PM

SATURDAY : 10 AM, 11:30 AM, 1 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM , 5 PM

WALKING DISTANCE
& DIFFICULTY: 3/4 mile with 225 stair steps, some stooping

DURATION: About 75 minutes
TEMPERATURE: 50-60 degrees (variable)
ADMISSION: \$10—age 13 & up
\$ 6—age 3-12
FREE—age 2 & under

DIRECTIONS TO CASCADE CAVE

Cascade Cave is appx. 3.6 miles from the Welcome Center. Leave main parking lot, turn left. At the park entrance turn right onto Rt. 182. In appx. 1.6 miles you will turn right onto Rt. 209. Cascade Cave parking lot will be located appx. 0.6 miles on the left.

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X CAVE

(SUGGEST PURCHASING TICKETS > 15 MINS BEFORE TOUR STARTS)

TICKETS SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER.
ALL TOURS BEGIN IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER.

X Cave is comprised of two narrow, vertical joint-passageways. These passageways differ so that it seems as if you are walking through two separate geologic creations rather than a singular cave. While inside visitors will learn of the cave’s geologic formations, cave ecology, and some local history.

MONDAY- FRIDAY: 10:30 AM, 12 PM, 1:30 PM
2:30 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM

SATURDAY: 10 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 1:30 PM 2:30 PM,
3:30 PM, 4:30 PM, 5:30 PM

SUNDAY: 10:30 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM

WALKING DISTANCE
& DIFFICULTY: About 1/4 mile, some stooping

DURATION: About 45 minutes
TEMPERATURE: 45-60 degrees (variable)
DIFFICULTY: Includes 75 stair steps through narrow passages; some stooping; electrically lit.
ADMISSION: \$8—age 13 & up
\$5—age 3-12
FREE—age 2 & under

CAVER'S CREED

TAKE NOTHING BUT PICTURES

KILL NOTHING BUT TIME

LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS

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SALTPETRE CAVE

(SUGGEST PURCHASING TICKETS > 15 MINS BEFORE TOUR STARTS)

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Saltpeter Cave is considered by many historians to be the site of the earliest industry in the area. The cave was used during the War of 1812 as a source of the major ingredient in making gunpowder and is currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Discover a fascinating segment of Kentucky’s history as you take a step back in time over 200 years ago.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY: 11 AM, 2 PM 3:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY : 11 AM; 3:30 PM

SATURDAY: 10:30 AM, 12 PM, 4 PM

SUNDAY: 11 AM, 1:30 PM, 3:30 PM

WALKING DISTANCE: 1/2 mile
DURATION: About 60 minutes
TEMPERATURE: 47-49 degrees (jacket recommended)

DIFFICULTY: 30 stairs leading into the cave, flat walking, some stooping. The cave is dry and dusty, electrically lit.
ADMISSION: \$8—age 13 & up
\$5—age 3-12
FREE—age 2 & under

SALTPETRE LANTERN TOUR

This tour follows the same route as our lighted tour, however by the light of oil lanterns, more of the fascinating history of Saltpetre Cave is discussed. Definitely a tour for history buffs, *not recommended for younger children.*

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY: 1 PM

SATURDAY: 2 PM

DURATION: About 90 minutes
DIFFICULTY: Same as above in low light conditions
ADMISSION: \$8/For both Adult & Child

Adventure Tours

BAT CAVE-"Wild" Walking

Bat Cave is the longest cave found within the park. The Bat Cave Walking Tour is a wild cave, so the trip is considered rugged and strenuous. The cave is completely undeveloped, it is not electrically lit, and there are no handrails or steps. Plan to get wet and muddy on this tour. In order to sign up you **must** participate in a pre-trip meeting 15 minutes before the tour. You **must** be at least 6 years old and an adult must accompany those under 15 years old. Guardians will need to sign waivers for children under 18yrs of age.

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY
SATURDAY, & SUNDAY: 2 PM

WALKING DISTANCE: 2 miles

DURATION: About 2.5 hours

TEMPERATURE: 50-60 degrees (variable)

DIFFICULTY: You will be required to "duck-walk" for 40 yards and walk bent at the waist for some distance. You will be walking through slick mud and, at times, ankle to knee deep water. You must be able to climb over slick rock and have good footing.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: Closed Toed shoes with good tread. WE WILL PROVIDE HELMETS AND FLASHLIGHTS.

ADMISSION: \$15

CRAWLING TOURS

These tours are exactly what it says....CRAWLING TOURS!! Whether it is a small dusty squeeze through Saltpetre Cave, or a sloppy, muddy slide through Bat Cave, you'll spend at least 2 hours exploring passage ways only the bravest of adventurers tackle. In order to sign up you must participate in a pre-trip meeting 15 minutes before the tour. You **must** be at least 8 years old and an adult **must** accompany those under 15 years old. Guardians will need to sign waivers for children under 18yrs of age.

SALTPETRE CRAWL: SAT. & WED. @ 10:30 AM

BAT CAVE CRAWL: SUNDAY @ 10:30 AM

DURATION: About 2.5 to 3 hours including gear up & down time.

DIFFICULTY: These are extremely strenuous tours which require good physical stamina.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT: Closed Toed shoes with good tread. All additional required equipment (Helmet, flashlight, knee pads, & coveralls) are included in the admission price.

ADMISSION: \$30/Adult 13 yrs & up
\$15/Child 8-12,
(NO COVERALLS PROVIDED FOR CHILD)

White-Nose Syndrome & Cave Tours

White-Nose Syndrome (WNS) is a disease that is killing 70-100% of hibernating bats in infected caves. WNS does not have any effect on humans, livestock, or, pets, only hibernating bats. WNS was first noted in some caves across the park in February 2013.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Do not wear the shoes, clothing, or carry objects that you had with you while on a cave tour at Carter Caves into another cave system outside of Carter Caves area. This may prevent spreading the disease to a new location.

PROHIBITED ON CAVE TOURS

Because of the possibility of WNS contamination, the following are *prohibited on cave tours*:

- ⇒ **Pets** (service animals allowed)
- ⇒ **Bags of ANY type** - including purses, fanny packs, diaper bags, camera cases, backpacks etc.
Bags containing necessary medical supplies ARE permitted.

REQUIRED POST-TOUR DECONTAMINATION PROTOCOL

All CCSRP cave tour participants will be *required* to participate in a post-tour WNS decontamination procedure. This procedure will insure that the bottom of both shoes of each participant are treated with a mixture of Lysol and water. This process has been proven to help prevent the spread of the spores which cause WNS.

NOTE: Please review these *required* post-tour procedures before the purchase of any cave tour tickets.

NO REFUNDS are issued for cave tour tickets.

LAUREL & HORN HOLLOW CAVE

(SELF-GUIDED CAVE EXPLORATION)

PERMIT REQUIRED - PERMITS GIVEN OUT AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Laurel & Horn Hollow Cave systems are two self-guided cave exploration opportunities available at Carter Caves. To enter these caves visitors must first obtain a permit (free) from the Welcome Center. Permits for Horn Hollow are available year-round while Laurel is seasonal, however, issuance is weather dependent.

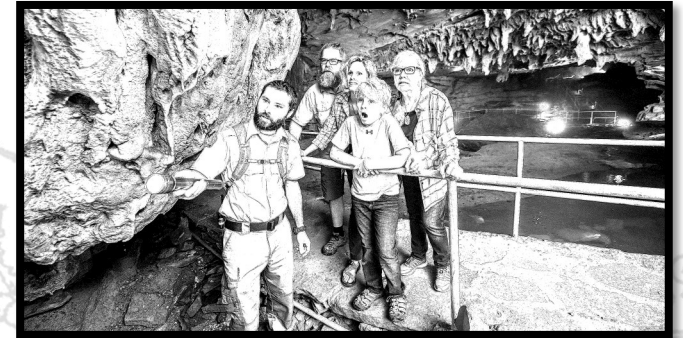
REQUIREMENTS: Visitors must have at least one other person in their group, wear closed toe shoes, and provide their own working flashlight (cell phones cannot be used as a light source). More information available at the Welcome Center.

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CARTER CAVES STATE RESORT PARK

CAVE TOUR SCHEDULE



SUMMER

June 11—August 13, 2018

Cave tour schedules always available online at
PARKS.KY.GOV

Founded in 1946, Carter Caves State Resort Park is home to an expansive system of natural caves. Some of these caves are open to the public for viewing and exploration at various times throughout the year.

Look inside this schedule for tour descriptions, tour times, and prices!

Visitors may purchase cave tour tickets inside of the Gift Shop at the Welcome Center. Tickets are sold by day—there are no reservations or advance sales.

Cave tour tickets are non-refundable.

Carter Caves - Important Phone Numbers

Front Desk:	(606) 286-4411
Welcome Center:	(606) 286-7010
Office of Interpretation:	(606) 286-7009

TOUR SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE